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## ***East Timor – Complex Emergency***

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

September 30, 2007

*NOTE: The last fact sheet was dated April 19, 2007.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On August 6, 2007, the announcement of a new East Timorese government following the June 30 parliamentary elections triggered renewed violence in Baucau, Dili, Lautem, Manufahi, and Viqueque districts. Violence and the burning of houses and public buildings displaced approximately 4,000 people in Baucau and Viqueque districts and affected more than 7,800 persons, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The majority of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Baucau and Viqueque fled to the surrounding mountains while others remained in public buildings considered to be safe, according to OCHA.
- On August 10, the U.N. Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) convened a meeting with political party leaders to discuss post-election civil unrest and violence in Baucau and Viqueque districts. UNMIT will assist the Government of Timor-Leste (GOTL) in improving the country's security sector.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Total IDPs</b>	100,000	OCHA – July 17, 2007
<b>IDPs in Dili camps</b>	30,000	OCHA – July 17, 2007

### **USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2007**

**USAID/OFDA Assistance to East Timor.....\$1,198,103**  
**USAID/FFP<sup>1</sup> Assistance to East Timor.....\$2,200,000**  
**USAID/Timor-Leste Assistance to East Timor.....\$705,595**  
**Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to East Timor.....\$4,103,698**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- OCHA estimates that as of July 2007, approximately 100,000 people remained displaced, with 30,000 IDPs located in camps near the capital city of Dili. An estimated 70,000 IDPs remained with host families and communities in other districts.
- Unusually heavy rainfall between June and July resulted in floods and landslides, cutting off access to several districts east of Dili, according to OCHA. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies indicated that the floods and landslides caused at least one death and affected an estimated 243 families in six of the country's 13 districts.
- On June 30, East Timorese residents participated in parliamentary elections. According to the U.N., the elections were generally orderly and peaceful.

### ***Food Insecurity***

- Adverse weather conditions and a locust outbreak between March and April 2007 resulted in a 30 percent reduction of crops, including maize and rice, according to a joint June 2007 assessment report by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP).
- In response, USAID/FFP has provided 2,260 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance valued at \$2.2 million to WFP in FY 2007.

### ***IDP Assistance***

- According to a joint GOTL/U.N. Development Program March 2007 assessment, renewed violence in 2006 damaged or destroyed more than 5,000 houses while others remained illegally occupied. Although the security situation in the country has stabilized since the deployment of an international police force, the situation remains volatile in the districts east of Dili. According to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), IDPs are reluctant to return to places of origin due to insecurity and threats in areas of return, as well as ongoing sporadic violence.
- In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA funded CARE to provide camp management support and implement child and gender protection activities in 12 IDP camps and the community of Bairo Pite in Dili District, benefiting up to 10,000 IDPs.

<sup>1</sup> USAID's Office of Food for Peace

- In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA also supported CRS to provide camp security, camp manager capacity building, and conflict mitigation and resolution activities for community and IDP leaders. CRS will also continue to support the Simu Malu process, a GOTL-led reconciliation and reintegration program for IDPs in Dili.
- For the safe return of IDPs, USAID/Timor-Leste is supporting CARE to provide peace education programs in pre-secondary schools throughout the country. CRS is implementing peacebuilding activities with USAID/Timor-Leste support in FY 2007.

#### ***Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene***

- The U.N. identified 13 IDP camps at high risk for disease outbreaks due to poor water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions, according to a U.N. water and sanitation working group assessment conducted in May. The U.N. estimates that approximately 5,000 families living in IDP camps in Dili and Baucau districts will require ongoing water and sanitation services, as the camps will remain open throughout 2007.
- In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA funded CARE to provide basic relief supplies, conduct camp-based disease surveillance, and continue water, sanitation, and hygiene activities for an estimated 10,000 IDPs in 12 IDP camps and the Bairo Pite community in Dili District. In addition, USAID/OFDA has supported CRS to provide disease surveillance training to camp health volunteers and water, sanitation, and hygiene services for approximately 10,000 IDPs in Baucau and Dili districts.
- In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA supported the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) to provide water, sanitation, and hygiene services for IDPs in Baucau, Dili, and Liquica districts and disaster preparedness and response training for district water and sanitation staff.

#### **USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- On May 11, 2006, U.S. Ambassador Grover Joseph Rees III declared a disaster due to the violence and resulting IDP situation in East Timor. On December 19, 2006, U.S. Ambassador Grover Joseph Rees III redeclared a disaster due to the renewed civil unrest in April 2006. In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$1.2 million to support health, humanitarian coordination and information management, IDP assistance, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities.
- In FY 2007, USAID/Timor-Leste provided funds to the Alola Foundation for psychosocial services for the widows of those killed during the renewed violence in 2006. USAID/Timor-Leste is also supporting CARE and CRS to provide peacebuilding activities, including peace dialogue, throughout the country.
- In FY 2007, the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration provided \$8.4 million to UNHCR to support regional programs that protect and assist refugees and IDPs in East Asia, including East Timor.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EAST TIMOR IN FY 2007**

<i><b>Implementing Partner</b></i>	<i><b>Activity</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CARE	Health, IDP Assistance, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Dili District	\$534,139
CRS	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, IDP Assistance, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Baucau, Dili districts	\$463,964
UNICEF	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Baucau, Dili, and Liquica districts	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$1,198,103</b>
<b>USAID/TIMOR-LESTE ASSISTANCE</b>			
Alola Foundation	Psychosocial Services	Countrywide	\$5,595
CARE	Peacebuilding Activities	Countrywide	\$474,126
CRS	Peacebuilding Activities	Countrywide	\$225,874
<b>TOTAL USAID/TIMOR-LESTE</b>			<b>\$705,595</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
WFP	2,260 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$2,200,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$2,200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EAST TIMOR IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$4,103,698</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 30, 2007.<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

## **PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in East Timor may be available at [www.reliefweb.org](http://www.reliefweb.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)